Dear Jim,   Re Levi to Shaheen [illegible]/26/76

I have [illegible] the copy you got from Shaheen so that I can use it in writing and discuss it with you when you want to. I've started an OPR file in the new file I am creating for writing and have it filed there.

[illegible] be grateful for bureaucrats who create phoney records and write them self-servingly!

The first three matters in his graf those we can address definitively and other than the OPR report done, oppose it. And best of all is giving us a handle from the own records. All the work I've done on them is appropriate to this.

I can see the bureaucrats' answer, but appropriate as a handle is the third "matter," "whether there is any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination of Dr. King which should be dealt with by the appropriate authorities;"

This has the traditional built-in conclusion that all was honest and thorough in the original investigation.

Limiting it to "new evidence" is the cop-out. This means in the files only and after the guilty-plea only.

This also explains what has other explanations, the absence of any reference to [illegible] and the evidentiary hearing and the civils suits. Among the latter there **is** "new evidence" in C.A. 75-1996 and with the FBI there and DJ the defendant it is safe to assume that it "has come to the attention of the Department."

There is the Harris matter, never referred to. In their lingo it is "new."

There is the [illegible] "evidence" in terms of the Department's meanings, that there are witnesses of the crime and were other suspects. The FBI told the lawyers and Court in court that it had neither, hence both are "new" to the Department.

Etc.

Also new is what I have spotted that I have filed under "hot paper." You know I have always had that in mind, from the very first. They had cause to look into it. This one has no serial, naturally. I also do not recall - and could have missed - the basis for Hoover writing Deloach about this and other matters which bury it 4/22/68, p.3.

- We've got [illegible] what Levi pretended to want.

Hastily,